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DEPT OF DEFENSE

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S E C R E T THE HAGUE 2750

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, NL

SUBJECT: F-104 REPLACEMENT: DELAY IN SIGNING MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING

1. ON AFTERNOON OF MAY 28 OFFICE OF MINISTRY OF
DEFENSE INVITED ME TO ATTEND SIGNING OF MOU IN MINISTER'S
OFFICE AT 9:30 MAY 30, THE SIGNING TO BE ATTENDED BY
GENERALS STOKLA AND KNOOP.

2. ACCORDINGLY, AT 9:30 THIS MORNING SHOWED AT MINISTRY AND WAS
ESCORTED TO DEFMIN VREDELING'S WAITING ROOM WHERE STOKLA
AND KNOOP WERE ALREADY PRESENT. THE THREE OF US WAITED
FOR APPROXIMATELY 40 MINUTES AT WHICH POINT AN AIDE
ADVISED THAT THE MINISTER APPARENTLY WAS NOT COMING
TO THE OFFICE AND COULD NOT BE REACHED, THIS TO THE
CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT OF THE TWO GENERALS. I
MINIMIZED THE INCIDENT ADVISING THEM AND THE AIDE
THAT I WOULD KEEP MYSELF AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE DAY

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ON SHORT NOTICE.

3. AT NOON DURING UNRELATED SOCIAL EVENT DCM AND I BOTH SPOKE WITH SECRETARY OF DEFENSE VAN LENT AND SECRETARY-GENERAL OF MOD PIJNENBERG WHO APOLOGIZED FOR VREDELING'S FAILURE TO SHOW UP AND STATED THAT QTE THIS WAS NOT A DIPLOMATIC ILLNESS UNQTE. THEY DID NOT FURTHER ELABORATE ON MATTER.

4. RELUCTANT TO APPEAR OVERLY ANXIOUS, WE HAVE NOT SO FAR PRESSED THE DUTCH FOR CLARIFICATION, ASSUMING THEY WOULD BE GETTING IN TOUCH WITH US TO SET UP ANOTHER SIGNING DATE. HOWEVER, AS OF 4:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME NO CONTACT HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM MOD AND WE WILL THEREFORE BEGIN DISCREET INQUIRIES INTO MATTER AND ADVISE AS SOON AS WE HAVE HARD INFORMATION. MINIMIZE BRUSSELS CONSIDERED.
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